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H. RES. 248

Honoring Glenn “Jeep” Davis for being one of the greatest Olympic hurdlers,
an active member of his community, and life-long teacher.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SUTTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Glenn “Jeep” Davis for being one of the greatest
Olympic hurdlers, an active member of his community,
and life-long teacher.

Whereas Glenn “Jeep” Davis was born September 12, 1934,
in Wellsburg, West Virginia;

Whereas Jeep Davis was the first freshman to play varsity
basketball at Follensbee High School in West Virginia,
even after a youth basketball coach told him “You’ll
never be a good athlete.”;

Whereas Jeep Davis’ mother and his father, an ironworker,
died within 12 hours of each other leaving behind a 15-
year-old Jeep and 10 siblings;

Whereas Jeep Davis moved to Barberton, Ohio, after the
death of his parents to live with relatives;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an All-Ohio honoree in football for the Barberton High School Magic's and he won the high school State track and field championship in 1954;

Whereas Jeep Davis won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics while a sophomore at Ohio State University;

Whereas Jeep Davis won the gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles and 1600-meter relay at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome;

Whereas Jeep Davis holds the Ohio State record for the outdoor 50-yard hurdles;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an 8-time Big Ten champion and won 26 Big Ten titles while at Ohio State;

Whereas Jeep Davis held 5 world records in hurdling;

Whereas Jeep Davis played in the National Football League with the Detroit Lions;

Whereas Jeep Davis was honored as the top amateur athlete in the United States when he was voted the James E. Sullivan Award winner in 1958;

Whereas Jeep Davis coached the track team at Cornell University from 1963 through 1967, leading the Big Red to the Ivy League title in his final season;

Whereas Jeep Davis was acknowledged by the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame as the greatest athlete in county history;

Whereas Jeep Davis was a coach, teacher, and mentor in Barberton, Ohio, for 33 years;

Whereas Jeep Davis returned to Barberton High School and taught mechanical drawing and driver's education;

Whereas Jeep Davis spent countless hours training athletes of all skill levels;

Whereas Jeep Davis was an assistant coach on the Barberton High School football team and was head coach of the track and field team;

Whereas Jeep Davis was a loving husband to his wife of 52 years, Delores, and father of 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and

Whereas, with the passing of Jeep Davis on January 28, 2009, in Barberton, Ohio, the Nation lost a talented athletic, caring mentor and teacher, active community member, and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors the life of Glenn “Jeep” Davis;

3 (2) recognizes Jeep Davis for his invaluable
4 contributions to American sports and to his commu-
5 nity; and

6 (3) extends condolences to his family on the
7 death of this talented and beloved man.

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